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**REMARKS** 

The allowability of claims 2, 6, 11, 14 and 15 is noted with appreciation.

Accordingly, the amendments represent the following claim combinations.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 2. Newly

submitted claim 23 represents a combination of claim 1 as filed, and claim 6, which was

previously cancelled.

Apparatus claim 16 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 14,

which is depicted in Figures 19b, 20b. Program claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the

limitation of claim 11, depicted in Figure 20b. Apparatus claim 21 has been amended to

limitation of claim 15, also depicted in Figure 20b.

The claims as amended and newly presented being definite and allowable over the

art of record, withdrawal of the rejections and early allowance are requested.

Since four independent claims were originally presented and 5 independent claims

are now presented, a check in the amount of \$86.00 is enclosed for the additional independent

claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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